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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 900**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Swanson**

February 17, 2011

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An act to add Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 32377) to Chapter 3 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to public school campuses.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 900, as amended, Swanson. Public school campuses: recycling and composting bins.

(1) Existing law requires the ~~Integrated Waste Management Board~~ *Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery* to develop and implement a source reduction and recycling program for school districts that is designed to assist school districts in establishing and implementing source reduction and recycling programs and to complement and further prescribed educational goals and the integrated waste management issues addressed within the science curriculum framework developed by the State Board of Education.

Existing law authorizes and encourages school districts to establish and maintain a paper recycling program in all classrooms, administrative offices, and other areas owned or leased by the school district where a significant quantity of wastepaper is generated or collected. The ~~Integrated Waste Management Board~~ *department*, in conjunction with the State Department of Education, is required to coordinate the implementation of this program by providing materials, technical

assistance, and other resources that it deems necessary to aid and encourage educational agencies to establish paper recycling programs.

This bill would ~~require, commencing with the 2012-13 school year,~~ *allow* a school district to provide recycling and composting bins on the campus of each public elementary and secondary school. The bill would ~~require that each~~ *allow* a school district *to* determine the number of bins to be located on a campus on the basis of the size of both the pupil population and the surface area of that campus.

~~Because this bill would impose new duties on school districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.~~

~~(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.  
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 32377) is  
2 added to Chapter 3 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the  
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 8.5. Recycling and Composting Bins  
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7 ~~32377. (a) Commencing with the 2012-13 school year, a~~  
8 ~~school district shall~~

9 32377. (a) A school district may provide the following bins  
10 on each elementary and secondary school campus:

11 (1) Recycling.

12 (2) Composting, to the extent feasible, including, but not limited  
13 to, the extent to which a collection service is available in the  
14 geographical area of the school, or if a school is able to maintain  
15 a school garden or vermicompost.

16 ~~(b) Each school district shall~~ A school district may determine  
17 the number of bins to be located on a campus on the basis of the

1 size of both the pupil population and the surface area of that  
2 campus.

3 ~~SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~  
4 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~  
5 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~  
6 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~  
7 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~

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